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Thanks

... to those who supported our teams at this week's Year 7 and 8 Winter Sports Tournament at Kensington Park.

.. to those who supported (and attended) today's character costume parade.

Term Calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

31 May	Headlice Inspection, 9am
3 June	BOT Election voting closes 12 noon
14 June	Performance by Strike Percussion Group (cost covered by school activity fee)
8 June	Year 5 and 6 Winter Sports Tournament (pp 14.6)
17 June	On-line portfolios open for viewing
30 June	Science Fair judging
4 July	Science Fair exhibits pen for viewing
4/5 July	Interviews
7 July	Year 8 HPV vaccination 2
8 July	Final day of term 2

People of the week

... Flynn H for an amazingly descriptive piece of writing this week.

... School Council for their expert organisation and leadership this week.

... PLAYERS OF THE DAY - Netball teams : #1 team Bradee Jayne; #2 team Eva P; #3 team for weeks todate - Natalya H, Caeli P, Lilly O, Izabella, Taylor R; Hockey : Blue Mini Sticks Dev - Ben D (14/5); Rose F (21/5); Rippa Rugby : JBN Kamo Pirates 21/5 Matija H

... Nicole C & her pony My Sweet Basil won Nthld Show Hunter with 69 points, a huge margin over 2nd place. Nicole placed in 14 rounds over 4 wks.

Upcoming Board Election Some critical dates

3 June	Election date
9 June	Votes counted
10 June	New board takes office

Board of Trustee's National Election Day is 3 June 2016

Voting papers have been posted & should be arriving in your letterbox.

Make sure your vote counts - vote for the candidates who bring the best skills to the table. All parents of full-time students can and should vote in the elections. Post or bring your pink voting slip in your return envelope provided into school by noon next Friday 3 June 2016.

Cambridge Programme... expressions of interest 2017

The school is currently seeking expressions of interest in the Lower Secondary Cambridge Programme (Year 7 & 8) from the wider Whangarei area. Our intention is to gradually grow this programme (over the next few years), while keeping numbers as low as possible in each room. So, if you know of any out of zone family wanting an exceptional start to secondary school, perhaps suggest that they contact the school to discuss this programme, or that they visit our website for more information. Some people are paying \$25,000 over 2 years for a similar programme elsewhere ... why not save this money and put it towards the cost of tertiary study or a deposit on their first house!!

Reminders from last week

- ... please continue your work at home on the consideration virtue.
- ... Draft Child protection policy. Available from the office on request. Feedback please by 13 June.

School Contributions

Those who opted for term payment of school contributions will receive a payment request next week. Please let us know if time payment arrangements would be helpful.

Term Headlice Inspection

Headlice Inspection will be held on Tuesday morning. We understand these critters are making a reappearance and so it might save everyone a lot of grief if we deal to them now. Thanks to the ladies who have offered to help.

Nothing Naughty Bars - Library Books Fundraiser

Thank you so much to those who have supported this fundraiser to date ... and a special thanks to Lisa for her hard work behind the scenes.

If you have bars left, or you are not in a position to on-sell these, please return to school ON MONDAY as we have willing buyers.

Any questions please contact Helen in the office or Lisa Ryan on 027 454 3630.

Farewell to Mrs Watts

Most of you will know that Mrs Watts leaves her position shortly to start her job as a new mum. We wish Mrs Watts well for the "adventures" ahead and thank her for her contributions to our school. Mrs Christine Baker is gearing up to take over this room and we expect a very smooth transition. Mrs Baker is a highly experienced teacher and she is very excited to be joining us.

Mid-year New Entrant Class

In answer to recent enquiries, we are pleased to confirm that from day 1 of term 3 a second New Entrant class will start up operating (mainly) in the area between rooms 1 and 3. Mrs Jayde Jongkind will teach in this room and work collaboratively with the teachers in the rooms either side. We are very excited to add Jayde to our teaching team. Mrs Jongkind has already been spending valuable time in our junior school learning names, systems etc.

Cambridge Meeting

Final reminder of a meeting Thursday 2 June (starting 3:15 PM in room 11) to discuss how we intend to monitor and report on your child as they progress through their Cambridge journey as well as an insight into the science lab and our plans to grow scientific competencies. **Parents of year 5 and 6 students are also welcome at this meeting (or any of these meetings).**

Mind Health For families .. Richard Black

You may be interested in attending the above seminar to be held at Clark Road Chapel (9 Clark Road) starting 7:30 PM on Monday 13 June. Snacks and coffee provided from 7:30. Tickets cost \$15.00 and can be bought from your local Mainly Music or on-line from their events section. Richard is apparently very entertaining and comes highly recommended. Richard makes things fun and what he has to share is highly relevant ... including strategies for moving beyond blaming, handling disappointment, having a great attitude and more. If you have any questions please phone Anna Elias on 4335523

Measles

Many of you will be aware of a spike in the number of confirmed cases of measles in recent weeks, including 6 cases in Northland. We have a record of those immunised through the local DHB, but not necessarily of those immunised privately. **If your child has been immunised, and you have not advised the school could you please contact Helen next week so that we can update our records.** It is critical that your child

sees their GP if you suspect they have measles. While it is a personal decision, parents of unimmunised children may wish to discuss immunisation with their GP, as these children may be especially at risk if there is an outbreak at school.

Finally

Thank you again to those brave enough to put their names forward for the BOT election. We encourage all parents to cast their vote!

Last of all ... Well done again kids for your character costumes today. Our best character costume day ever! ... thanks to the school council, Mr D, and parents who helped with costumes.

Regards ... *nga mihi*

Kevin Trehwella

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School Lunches



Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice.

Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce.

Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), butter chicken or mince & cheese wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the fruit drink for a flavoured milk for \$5.00. Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.

Community Notices

WANTED TO RENT – For approx. 6months while house being built. 3 Bedroom Home for 2 Adults and 1 Child. Prefer Matarau / Kamo Area. Please phone Marcia 021 064 2443

FIT START - A fun, feisty, and friendly way to get your early morning fitness fix!! "Fit Start" combines strength, fitness and agility to provide one outrageous and empowering workout that'll keep you buzzing for hours!! This programme is tailored to suit all fitness levels. What is it?? 2 x Sessions pw (Tues & Fri), 6am start, 45 minutes, Ruatangata Hall, 6 wks, \$149, Building strength, fitness, agility, flexibility, and core strength, Fun, fast and feisty exercise sessions suitable for both men and women!! Contact Carla on 021 0235 7440 or email bedford.carla@yahoo.co.nz

Housekeeper/Gardener wanted. Approx. 3 hours per week. Would suit local person. References required. Call Chris on 027 276 8837 or 433 5099.

Safety tips from Northern Districts Security

Tips about cellphone safety. These tools have become part of our daily lifestyle. Just as much as they can be of help, they can cause some serious trouble.

Beware Before You Share - Posting your holiday activities online is a great way to share it. But criminals spend time literally browsing the internet looking for hints of who might be away from home to plan burglaries.

Profile Security - Be careful who you share your information with, don't just befriend anyone on any social platform, also be sure about whether your phone is currently sharing it's location when posting the photo you have just taken.

Backup Power: Be sure to have your phone properly charged before you leave home/work or school. Especially if you are planning a "via" trip. Carry a charger with you and even a back-up battery if your phone's battery is dodgy.

Parental control: Learn how to restrict content on smart-devices with parental control apps, its not difficult, just google; MM Guardian Parental Control, Funamo, Kids Place.

Use Technology: Make use of apps like Life360 to keep track of family members' location using the GPS in their phone. Minimum tech-skills required.



Book or Movie
Character Day
Winners



Staff all dressed up too